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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications & Energy  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
One South Station, Second Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

**Re: D.T.E. 98-57 (Phase IV) / Assented-To Request for Extension of Procedural Schedule**

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") respectfully requests that the Department extend the current procedural schedule in the above-referenced proceeding for all parties by sixty (60) days. Sprint is seeking this extension because it and other parties are continuing settlement negotiations in Pennsylvania regarding similar tariff issues that could resolve or narrow the issues under consideration in this proceeding. The discussions have been productive and Sprint is confident that a settlement proposal will be submitted to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission next week regarding similar issues. Extending the schedule in this proceeding could avoid litigation of issues that may be settled in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

Counsel for Covad Communications Company, WorldCom, Inc., and Verizon Massachusetts have all assented to this request for an extension of the procedural schedule for this proceeding. Counsel for AT&T Communications of New England, Inc. does not oppose this request, subject to client confirmation. Accordingly, Sprint respectfully requests that the Department enter an order postponing the schedule as follows:

January 9, 2002	Evidentiary hearing
January 18, 2002	Responses to record requests due
February 1, 2002	Initial briefs due
February 15, 2002	Reply briefs due

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Craig D. Dingwall  
Craig D. Dingwall

cc: Jesse Reyes, Esquire, Hearing Officer  
Tina Chin, Esquire, Hearing Officer  
Michael Isenberg, Esquire, Director-Telecommunications Division  
Attached Service List

